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Environmental Protection Agency  
Office of Enforcement, Compliance, and Environmental Justice  
Attn: Kelly Bunker  
Region 3 PCB Coordinator  
1650 Arch Street  
Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, 19103

Dear Ms. Bunker:

The purpose of this letter is to provide the Environmental Protection Agency with notification of a Polychlorinated Biphenyls (PCB) Self-Implemented Clean-up action at an abandoned transformer vault on the southeastern side of Building 1 at the former Walter Reed Army Medical Center (WRAMC), located at 6900 Georgia Ave, NW Washington DC. See figure 1 for the vault's location. The removal date of the transformer within the vault is unknown. The area around Building 1 will be transferred to the District of Columbia Local Redevelopment Authority for mixed institutional and corporate reuse.

In 2016, WRAMC collected four wipe samples on the floor of this transformer vault. All four sample results were above the TSCA allowable limit of 10  $\mu\text{g}/100\text{ cm}^2$ . Wipe samples were collected in accordance with the standard wipe test definition described in 40 CFR 761.3 and 761.123. See Table 1 below for the results.

Table 1. Abandoned Transformer Vault Floor Wipe Sample Results

Sample Number	Result ( $\mu\text{g}/100\text{ cm}^2$ )
X01	8,300
X02	21,000
X03	17,000
X04	370

Due to the elevated PCBs levels in this transformer vault, WRAMC will remove the vault and surrounding contaminated soil. The surrounding soil will be excavated to levels of less than 1 part per million PCBs. The excavation will be backfilled using clean soil. During the removal, pre and post remediation sampling requirements will be met (IAW 40 CFR 761.61 (a)(2) and (6). All PCB remediation waste generated from this activity will be disposed of through a TSCA landfill.

WRAMC is requesting concurrence to the above actions. If you have any questions, please contact Erin Mauer at 202-812-7398, and at [Erin.C.Mauer.Civ@mail.mil](mailto:Erin.C.Mauer.Civ@mail.mil).

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Markus Craig". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Markus" and last name "Craig" clearly distinguishable.

Markus Craig  
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Figure 1: Site Map

